

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026
Mass Intentions**

March 22, Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00AM+Anthony, "Tony" Labriola (Anonymous)
10:00AM+Barb Karl (Vicky & Tom McGraw)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 23, Monday, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

12:00PM+ Regina Kutruff, Anniversary (Family)

March 24, Tuesday, Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

12:00PM+Tim Dale (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

March 25, Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00PM+Sharon Myers (Family)

March 26, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Dan & Miriam Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

March 27, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Ruth Novack (Bob O'Dellick)

March 28, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Geraldine Rose, Anniversary (Kathy Rose)

Vigil : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00PM+Edgar L. Johnston, Ann. Wife & Family)

March 29, Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM Special Intention Kim Capouellez (Family)
10:00AM+Sister Rose Tomlinson, Birthday (Kathy Rose)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People



Cathedral's Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 P.M.

Sunday Evening Prayer: this Sunday at 4:00 P.M. (Lenten Evening Prayer will not be sung on Palm Sunday.)

Communal Penance Service: Wednesday, March 25, at 6:00 P.M.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 15, 2026 \$ 8,324.39

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



RECONCILIATION

Our parish's Lenten Communal Penance Service will be this Wednesday, March 25, at 6:00 P.M. Bishop Mark and plenty of additional priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we enter into Holy Week on Palm Sunday, it is important for us to experience the saving mercy of God.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as Palm Sunday. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion.

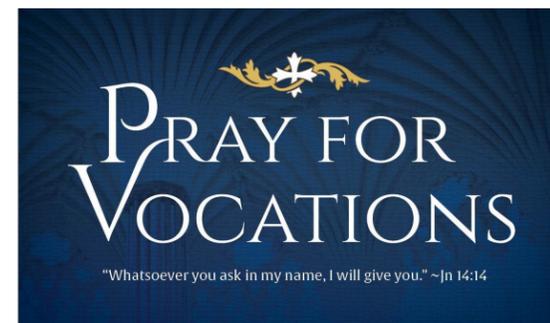
Depending on the weather, we will gather either on the portico or in the narthex/vestibule for the blessing of palms and then process into the body of the cathedral.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.



Our Parish Easter Hunt

Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, March 29th in the lower parking lot, beginning at 2:00P.M. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for some egg-cellent fun! Anyone wishing to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt may drop off their donations at the Church Office Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM, and Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM.



Our Parish's Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Fry Luncheon is served starting Ash Wednesday, and Fridays, except Good Friday. The cost is \$12.00 for a fish sandwich, mac and cheese and coleslaw. The meal is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Orders of 10 or more will be delivered, if you call ahead 814-944-4603. If you are getting more than 10 dinners, for a pick-up please call ahead to order at 814-944-4603.

"Let Gabriel's word be held in your mind for nothing is impossible to this glorious Majesty, who humbled Himself for us and was born of our humanity."

St. Ephrem



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2026

The 2026 *Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun throughout our diocese. This year's theme, **Sent To Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of baptism, each of us has been *Sent to Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation to prayerfully consider supporting nine of our diocesan ministries

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$53,700.

Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to our parish. So far, \$6,175 has been pledged.

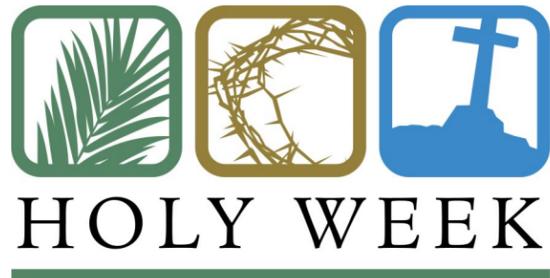


THE SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson will be making a pilgrimage to Rome and some of the shrines of Italy from Monday, October 12, to Thursday, October 22, 2026. Brochures are at the entrances of the cathedral. Details can also be found at

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link1377752>

You may also call Brenda Ajay at 888-462-9299.



PALM SUNDAY: The blessing of palm branches at the beginning of all Masses.: Eve, 5:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Monday of Holy Week: Chrism Mass at 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday of Holy Week: Mass at Noon

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at Noon

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 P.M. Adoration until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday: Office of Readings at 9:00 A.M. Easter Vigil Mass starting with the blessing of fire at 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

(There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday.)



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.).

The Cathedral is a distribution site on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M..

If you know of moms who need help, call 814- 440-1021.



ALTOONA CATHOLIC HIGH AND BG ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to update contact information. Alumni of Altoona Catholic High School and BG will be receiving a post card in the mail over the next several weeks. Please know that PCI is a trusted, PCI DSS-compliant company, meaning that your contact information is secure and carefully protected, and will only be used for the purpose of this project.

BG Academy encourages alumni to respond to PCI during this outreach for updates. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase the directory. Thank for you helping us stay contacted. Questions? Contact the Advancement Office at advancement@bguilfoyle.org.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown **THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 22, 2026

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Church. Call 814-944-4603

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh and twelfth grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM or by appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

ANONING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

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pclemens@dioceseaj.org

Fax: 814-942-4337

Mass Times

Sunday:

5:00 PM (Vigil)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday:

12:00 Noon

Saturday:

12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Rector
Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Bob Long 814-944-2044, rlong@dioceseaj.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

GABRIEL PROJECT-814-440-1021

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-12 Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M.

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